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For: DISTRIBUTING DEVICE FOR A CHOPPER ARRANGEMENT

Group Art Unit 3671

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Moline, IL 61265

22 October 2002

First Amendment

The Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Responsive to the Office Action dated 31 July 2002, paper no. 6, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the title as follows:

DISTRIBUTING DEVICE HAVING CONTINUOUSLY MOVING GUIDE VANES

Please amend paragraph 23 as follows:

[0023] The outlet end of the chopper arrangement 42 is provided with a distributing device 62 for transversely scattering chopped straw. The distributing device 62 is provided with a top plate 60 that can be pivoted about a second axis 58 extending perpendicular to the plane of the drawing. In this way the inclination of the entire distributing device 62 can be adjusted relative to the ground. A number of guide vanes 64 are arranged underneath the top plate 60. The guide vanes 64 are oblong sheet metal vanes extending downward perpendicular to the top plate 60, that are provided with a curvature directed to the right or the left with respect to the direction of operation of the harvesting machine 10. The distributing device 62 can be provided with a housing, not shown, that is closed at the top, the bottom and at the